



# The Cove Chronicle





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## Welcome to the First Edition of the Cove Chronicle!





We now have a new way for you to keep up on the latest news – along with a chance to enjoy articles and insights into those things that make *Christy* special to so many across the world!

ChristyFest™ 2008 plans are in full swing – actors, presenters, attendees and crew members are all planning their descent on Townsend in June! For the latest, visit us at [www.christyfest.org](http://www.christyfest.org).

### ~~ Cast and Crew ~~

<i>Bonita Allen</i>	<i>Lane Batot</i>	<i>Tom Blomquist</i>	<i>Mike Hickman</i>
			
<i>Mary Allen</i> CBS Series	<i>Bonnie Prince Charlie,</i> CBS series/Crew CBS Series	<i>Supervising Producer &amp; Writer [CBS series]</i> <i>Executive Producer &amp; Writer [PAX Movies]</i>	<i>Bird's Eye Taylor</i> CBS Series & PAX Movies

### ~~ Presenters ~~

<i>Dwight McCarter</i>	<i>Marilyn Mitchem</i>	<i>Larry Myers</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sherrill</i>
			
<i>The Road Less Travelled</i>	<i>Christmas at Ebenezer Mission: Neither Evergreen nor Everbronze</i>	<i>Del Rio, Ebenezer Mission &amp; Christy Property Tour</i>	<i>Remembering Catherine: Author and Friend</i>

TRIVIA: What feature about Ebenezer Mission especially impressed Dr. Edward Guerrant when he first visited it in 1905? *Answer on last page!*

## **News and Updates!**

Not only do we have a great assembly of presenters and Cast and Crew members attending ChristyFest™ 2008, there is a lot more going on for fans to enjoy!

### **The Schedule has been updated!**

See where you can join in fun activities, meet the Guests, and spend time with fellow attendees!

[www.christyfest.org/schedule08.htm](http://www.christyfest.org/schedule08.htm)

### **The Message Board is booming!**

Have you joined our active message board? Not only do we have constant fun but it's a nice corner of the internet to spend time with fellow fans!

### **New Contests are in the works!**

See page 4 for more information!

### **Three Raffles are Unveiled!**

We have some fabulous items up for raffle this year! They include:

[Hay and Oats Raffle](#) [\$50 gas card!]

[Dave Neamand Silver Pendant](#)

[Christy Memory Scrapbook](#)

### **New Store Items!**

We've added new charms, a special journal and Gift Certificates to the store, plus much more!

These great events and much more can be explored via our website at

[www.christyfest.org](http://www.christyfest.org)

***Register now and take advantage of our current low rate! The earlier you register, the more you save!***

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## **Who said this in the book *Christy*?**

"There wasn't a natural blessed thing I could do about restin', not with a house full of little shavers stacked right up to the loft."

*Answer on last page!*

## *The Blue Mountains*

*By Henry Lawson*

Above the ashes straight and tall,  
Through ferns with moisture dripping,  
I climb beneath the sandstone wall,  
My feet on mosses slipping.

Like ramparts round the valley's edge  
The tinted cliffs are standing,  
With many a broken wall and ledge,  
And many a rocky landing.

And round about their rugged feet  
Deep ferny dells are hidden  
In shadowed depths, whence dust and heat  
Are banished and forbidden.

The stream that, crooning to itself,  
Comes down a tireless rover,  
Flows calmly to the rocky shelf,  
And there leaps bravely over.

Now pouring down, now lost in spray  
When mountain breezes sally,  
The water strikes the rock midway,  
And leaps into the valley.

Now in the west the colours change,  
The blue with crimson blending;  
Behind the far Dividing Range,  
The sun is fast descending.

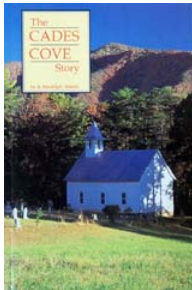
And mellowed day comes o'er the place,  
And softens ragged edges;  
The rising moon's great placid face  
Looks gravely o'er the ledges.



Image by Veronica Wolf

## Getting to Know Cades Cove

by ChrisAnn Goossen



**Book:** *The Cades Cove Story*

**Author:** A. Randolph Shields

**Publisher:** Great Smoky Mountains Association, 1996

**Available From:** Great Smoky Mountain Association at

[www.smokiesstore.org](http://www.smokiesstore.org), park visitor centers, online retailers.

If you've ever been to Cades Cove then you already know that it is a place as unique as the Smokies are among the major mountain ranges of the world. Exploring the area, it gets into your blood. You'll find rustic log homes and white, wood-framed churches standing amid wooded glens, atop grassy knolls and at the foot of steep mountains. Rows of weathered tombstones in the carefully tended cemeteries attest to the many families who called this their home.

A. Randolph Shields, author of *The Cades Cove Story*, describes in his book the history of such sights by sharing his memories about life in the cove. Shields was born in Cades Cove in 1913 and saw firsthand the way people made a living; how they cherished family life and how they participated in the partially isolated community. His book, illustrated with numerous photographs, also relates the unique history of the relatively short lived community. With the arrival of the national park, Shields' family moved out of the cove when he was thirteen years old.

Delving into history, Shields explains how the white man first settled the cove in the 1820s. They were drawn to the flat open valley surrounded by forested mountains rich with resources and watered by crystal clear creeks. Because the cove was covered by a shallow sea many millions of years ago, the soil is rich and fertile making it an agrarian paradise. Before the white men arrived, the Cherokee knew Cades Cove as an abundant hunting ground.

After the pioneer families built their log homes they began clearing the land for planting. Eventually enough families arrived creating a sense of community. Churches and schools were established. Many families moved out of the cove on their way to the expanding western territories, while others stayed as long as they could. Shields recounts the history of several significant families: the Tipton's, the Oliver's and the Gregory's, to name a few, and celebrates their contributions. Of particular interest is Shield's recounting of the impact that the Civil War had on Cades Cove.

Shields recalls how his grandmother could sit on her rocking chair and stare off for what seemed like hours. "What are you doing, Grandma?" a young Shields would ask. She would reply, "Ah, just settin' here soakin' in the mountains." You'll want to do the same with this book.

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### Christy's Quiz Corner

*How will you do? Answers on last page.*

1. At the same moment, two trains leave Del Rio and Asheville. They move towards each other with constant speeds. The train from Del Rio is moving at 40 miles per hour, and the train from Asheville is moving at 60 miles per hour. The distance between Del Rio and Asheville is 200 miles. How long after their departure will they meet?

2. Which word is spelled correctly?

- A. knowlegeable                      B. flourish  
C. Insidious                              D. geneologies

3. As of 1912, have many US Presidents have been assassinated?

- A. Three                                      B. Seven  
C. One                                         D. None

## Ruby Mae's Corner

Ruby Mae finds Miss Christy's magazines fascinating and pours over each copy Christy lets her have. The girls have started up their own handmade version of a magazine, electing Ruby Mae in charge of the advice column. She was delighted to get her first question!

**Dear Miz Ruby Mae. I like a boy but he don't like me no more and I want him to be my man again. Thing is, he don't trust me too much after a little fib thing I went and did. How do I get him mine again?**

*Miz Ruby's Reply: Well you're in a heap of trouble. Making nice with a boy isn't easy once that trust thing been busted. Now I aint got the most experience with them fool boys but I can tell you this – cook stuff. Take any animal, bake it real nice, go find them and feed them. Men like food. Women like it to but it aint the same. Preacher eat stuff them ladies bring, though he likes Miss Idas food the best but that his kin and it aint the same. Cooking them animals takes practice so try it on your family or the mission folk first, just make sure it aint raw. Use fresh animal, bake it awhile. My ma used some moonshine on her to nicken it up but don't do that for them mission folk. And don't use too much so yer pa don't notice it used some.*

*Well I done know you sent me that letter Bessie but John aint too keen on you just now. Make him food and wait. It wont make stuff worse for you. Cant see how anything could.*

**Ruby Mae**

### Answers:

*What feature about Ebenezer Mission impressed Dr. Edward Guerrant in 1905? It had "...an unfailling spring of fine water." [Thanks to Marilyn M for supplying this fact!]*

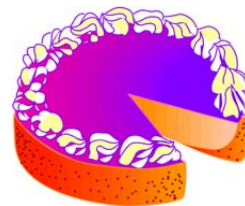
*Who said that quote from the book Christy? Aunt Polly Teague, Chapter 16*

*Christy's Quiz: 1. 2 hours, 2. C, 3. A*

## Lemonade Pie

1 small can of lemonade  
1 large container of Cool Whip  
1 can condensed milk  
1 graham cracker crust

*Mix small can of lemonade, container of Cool Whip and the condensed milk together in a bowl. Pour into a graham cracker crust and chill for three hours. Garnish with lemon zest and dabs of Cool Whip.*



**Shane Humphreys [Least'un Spencer]**

From "Everything but Ruby Mae's Possum Surprise – A Cookbook by Christy Fans"

New Contest – Election Time!

Uncle Bogg and Tom McHone  
VS  
Bird's-Eye Taylor and Duggin Morrison

*Who would get your vote?*

Think up a campaign slogan and submit it to our contest! Prize awarded for best slogan for each party! Visit [www.christyfest.org](http://www.christyfest.org) for more!

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